Dean Allen indicated that she would like to postpone the discussion on increasing extramural funding and cover the topic at the next faculty meeting. She will distribute the draft from Nutt.

Allen directed an initial conversation on an initial assessment of finances and collections, the key indicators of quality as defined by the Association of Research Libraries. This will be a major project in the coming months; she will need to provide data to the higher administration in advance.

Allen would like to increase the quality of candidates for positions in University Libraries. Search committees and other parties need to be aggressive in recruiting and encouraging the best candidates to apply. Everyone has a stake in promoting the Libraries, the University, and the region and state. Allen will ask Jeff Banks and Kathy Riggle to lead this charge.

Conway asked about the missing chunk of sidewalk at the West Entrance of Mullins. It is on Dean Allen’s radar. Allen announced that the University will add a ramp to the east side of Mullins.

Lennertz Jetton reported that someone had complained in the evening about having nowhere to sit in Mullins. On the positive side, statistics show the popularity our buildings. Two records were achieved this week: Mullins held 927 people at 9pm the previous night, Wednesday, and Physics had the highest count ever on Monday, with more than 500 entrances. Several suggestions were floated to alleviate overcrowding, including directing persons to the branch libraries and opening MULN 102 when vacant. Allen noted that she was considering creating a space specifically for graduate students on Level 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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